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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED CONTENTS REFTEL WITH BOOSS
(MINAGR) SEPTEMBER 17. BOOSS SAID FRG RECOGNIZES
SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION AND WILL COOPERATE AS IN THE
PAST IN REACHING EQUITABLE SOLUTION.

2. BOOSS REMARKED THAT NEW PROCEDURE APPEARED TO HAVE
NO ADVANTAGES OVER OLD PROCEDURE BUT THAT FRG WAS WILLING
TO IMPLEMENT IT IF OTHER PANEL FIVE MEMBERS DID SO AS
WELL. HE SAID THAT BASIC INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PROBLEM
WAS THAT CONVENTION REQUIRED SIX MONTHS WAITING PERIOD
FOR NEW MEASURES TO BE PUT INTO EFFECT AND THAT THE
ONLY WAY TO LEGALLY BIND GOVERNMENTS FOR A SHORTER
WAITING PERIOD WOULD BE TO AMEND THE CONVENTION. HE
SAID THROUGH A QUIRK IN THE GERMAN LEGAL PROCESS FRG
HAD AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS PRIOR TO
EXPIRATION OF SIX MONTH WAITING PERIOD EVEN IF THEY
NOT BOUND TO DO SO ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL LAW. HE
DOUBTED THAT ALL PANEL FIVE MEMBERS HAD SUCH LEGAL
AUTHORITY HOWEVER, AND HE SAID THAT FRG WOULD BE
RELUCTANT TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT ON JANUARY 1, 1974
UNLESS OTHER GOVERNMENTS WERE WILLING AND ABLE TO DO
THE SAME. BOOSS SAID HE WAS OPTIMISTIC AN AGREEMENT
COULD BE REACHED ON EARLY IMPLEMENTATION HOWEVER AS
LONG AS THERE WAS GOOD WILL ON ALL SIDES.

3. EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT FRG VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO GDR
MEMBERSHIP IN ICNAF. BOOSS SAID THAT THE FRG NOW
FAVORED GDR MEMBERSHIP. THE GDR HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST
IN JOINING SOME YEARS AGO BUT THE FRG HAD AT THAT TIME
VETOED SUGGESTION ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. HE REMARKED
THAT BECAUSE OF EARLIER FRG POSITION IT WOULD NOW BE
DIFFICULT FOR IT TO MAKE OVERTURES TO GDR RE
MEMBERSHIP AND THAT INITIATIVE WOULD COME FROM US OR
USSR.

4. BOOSS UNDERTOOK TO INFORM FOREIGN OFFICE AND
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OF OUR APPROACH.
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